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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000755 - Glencoe Heights Drain, City of Glendora (5), to Van Elk, Ltd., in amount of \$41,200.

Project ID No. FMD0001021 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2002, West Maintenance Area, Unit 1, vicinities of Westlake Village, San Fernando Valley, and Santa Clarita (3 and 5), to Ron Maintenance, in amount of \$155,400.

Project ID No. FMD0001022 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2002, West Maintenance Area, Unit 2, vicinities of Highland Park, Sherman Oaks, and Burbank (1, 3, and 5), to Ancon Marine, in amount of \$83,265.

Project ID No. FMD0002022 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2002, East Maintenance Area, Unit 1, vicinities of Sierra Madre, Alhambra, and El Monte (1 and 5), to Fernando's Cleaning Company, in amount of \$121,099.

Project ID No. FMD0003027 - Clearing of Channel Rights of Way, South Area, 2002, at various locations within the County of Los Angeles (1, 2, and 4), to Travers Tree Service Company, Inc., in amount of \$217,160.

Project ID No. RDC0013664 - First St., vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to Sequel Contractors, Inc., in amount of \$284,812.60.

Project ID No. RDC0014115 - Foothill Blvd. at Cloud Ave., et al., vicinities of La Mirada, Rowland Heights, and La Crescenta (4 and 5), to California Electrical Services, in amount of \$116,546.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0013664 and RDC0014115.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2001-02 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

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The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

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To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000755, GLENCOE HEIGHTS DRAIN (City of Glendora),
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 2, 2002 (Synopsis 59)

BID OPENING DATE: April 30, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Van Elk, Ltd., a corporation 3312 Floyd Terrace Los Angeles, California 90068 (323) 850-7751	\$41,200.00
2	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$45,205.00
3	M. Grbavac Construction	\$48,120.00
4	Excel Paving Company	\$51,310.00
5	B. R. Day Construction, Inc.	\$51,354.00
6	Atlas-Allied, Inc.	\$52,290.00
7	Vasily Company, Inc.	\$52,324.03
8	Beador Construction Company, Inc.	\$59,300.00
9	*Cody Engineering, Inc.	\$59,320.00
10	*Sim Engineering, Inc.	\$59,950.20
11	David T. Wasden, Inc.	\$61,630.00
12	O'Duffy Construction	\$62,050.00
13	*Bali Construction, Inc.	\$62,562.00
14	The Adjul Corporation	\$62,908.00
15	Vadyn Commerce and Building, Ltd.	\$66,200.00
16	SFU, Inc.	\$91,008.50

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$49,100.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$41,200.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 7,900.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Van Elk, Ltd., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 3, Subsection (q), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in August 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001021, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2002,
WEST MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 1 (in the vicinities of Westlake Village, San Fernando Valley, and Santa Clarita), Supervisorial Districts 3 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 11,100 catch basins at various locations in the west area of Los Angeles County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 16, 2002 (Synopsis 94)

BID OPENING DATE: May 7, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Ronnie E. Norman, an individual dba Ron Maintenance 11542 Horley Avenue Downey, California 90241 (562) 861-1808	\$155,400.00
2	*Fernando's Cleaning Company	\$177,600.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$163,175.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$155,400.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 7,775.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 4.8 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Ron Maintenance, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001022, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2002,
WEST MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 2 (in the vicinities of Highland Park,
Sherman Oaks, and Burbank), Supervisorial Districts 1, 3, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 8,300 catch basins at various locations in
the west area of Los Angeles County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 16, 2002 (Synopsis 94)

BID OPENING DATE: May 7, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Ancon Marine, a corporation 2250 East Dominguez Street Carson, California 90810 (310) 522-5110	\$ 83,265.00
2	*Fernando's Cleaning Company	\$ 99,517.00
3	*J & G Maintenance	\$124,500.00
4	*Ron Maintenance	\$128,650.00
5	PSC Industrial Outsourcing, Inc.	\$202,520.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$123,275.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 83,265.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 40,010.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 32 percent below the engineer's estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for the various items of work. Four of the five bids were either below or slightly above the estimate, which reflects the competitive nature of the market at this time. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Ancon Marine has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 55 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002022 , CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2002,
EAST MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 1 (in the vicinities of Sierra Madre, Alhambra, and
El Monte), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 10,100 catch basins at various locations in the
east area of Los Angeles County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 16, 2002 (Synopsis 94)

BID OPENING DATE: May 7, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Maria L. Gudino, an individual dba Fernando's Cleaning Company 1283 East 48th Street Los Angeles, California 90011-4325 (323) 234-0838	\$121,099.00
2	*J & G Maintenance Service	\$126,250.00
3	*Ron Maintenance	\$141,300.00
4	PSC Industrial Outsourcing, Inc.	\$246,440.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$148,925.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$121,099.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 27,826.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 19 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Fernando's Cleaning Company, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2002.

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003027, CLEARING OF CHANNEL RIGHTS OF WAY, SOUTH AREA, 2002 (at various locations within the County of Los Angeles), Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Clearing and removal of trash, vegetation, and debris from various channel rights of way and channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 2, 2002 (Synopsis 60)

BID OPENING DATE: May 7, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Travers Tree Service Company, Inc., a corporation 1811 Lomita Boulevard Lomita, California 90717 (310) 530-3920	\$217,160.00
2	United Pacific Services, Inc.	\$269,225.00
3	Terra Industries, Inc.	\$278,000.00
4	Woods Maintenance Services, Inc.	\$304,700.00
5	TruGreen Landcare	\$405,000.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$304,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$217,160.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 87,340.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 29 percent below the engineer's estimate, which was based on previous contract prices for similar items of work. The low bidder has performed satisfactorily on previous contracts and has committed in writing to do the work of this contract for the amount bid. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Travers Tree Service Company, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in October 2002.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013664, FIRST STREET (in the vicinity of East Los Angeles),
Supervisory District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb, gutter,
and sidewalk; construction of curb ramps and bus pads; modification
of traffic signals; and planting of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 2, 2002 (Synopsis 59)

BID OPENING DATE: April 30, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sequel Contractors, Inc., a corporation 12240 South Woodruff Avenue Downey, California 90241 (562) 802-7227	\$284,812.60
2	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$285,124.10
3	Excel Paving Company	\$296,387.00
4	All American Asphalt	\$297,024.95
5	Kalban, Inc.	\$303,594.36
6	E.G.N. Construction, Inc.	\$313,153.10

Silvia Construction, Inc., was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$275,088.79. A review of Silvia's bid proposal revealed that they neglected to include an item required by an addendum, resulting in an ambiguous bid price. Accordingly, Silvia was considered nonresponsive and its bid rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders, Section H, "Nonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$309,330.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$284,812.60
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 24,517.40

The amount of the recommended contract is 8 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sequel Contractors, Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 16 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(4), (x)(9), and (x)(14), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2002.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014115, FOOTHILL BOULEVARD AT CLOUD AVENUE, ET AL.
(in the vicinities of La Mirada, Rowland Heights, and La Crescenta), Supervisorial Districts
4 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Modification of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 12, 2002 (Synopsis 63)

BID OPENING DATE: April 9, 2002

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Andrzej Krol, an individual dba California Electrical Services 5924 San Fernando Road Glendale, California 91202-2741 (818) 241-1800	\$116,546.00
2	*L. A. Signal, Inc.	\$132,394.50
3	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$179,100.00
4	*C. T. & F, Inc.	\$236,547.78
5	Excel Paving Company	\$252,738.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$109,476.30
Amount of recommended contract	\$116,546.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 7,069.70

The amount of the recommended contract is 6 percent above the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

California Electrical Services has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 4 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(4), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in October 2002.

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